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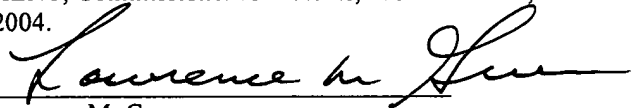
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 23, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following argument:

Claims 1, 8, and 21-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,512,041 (Bogart). Claims 9-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bogart.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 14-20 have been allowed. Moreover, claims 2-7, 26 and 27, while objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim, and any intervening claims.

Finally, the drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because Fig. 1 does not include the reference numeral "31". In response to the